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SUBJECT: USS LIBERTY CLAIMS

REF: STATE 170558; 169872

1. WE COMPLETED EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH GOI TODAY FOR FULL PAYMENT OF DEATH CLAIMS RESULTING FROM IDF FIRING ON USS LIBERTY. ORIGINAL OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND GOI CHECK MADE OUT TO TREASURER OF US FOR $3,323,500 ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

2. TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 26 OF 27 DECEMBER 1967, CONCERNING THE USS LIBERTY, AND TO NOTES NO. 27 THROUGH NO. 60 OF EVEN DATE, DETAILING INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS. FOLLOWING VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE PLEASURE TO TRANSMIT HEREWITH A CHEQUE IN THE SUM OF THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED U S DOLLARS, IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF THOSE SUFFERING LOSS AS A RESULT OF THE DEATHS OF THIRTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE USS LIBERTY, THESE CLAIMS COVERING THE FIRST CATEGORY OF CLAIMS AS SET OUT IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 26 REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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THIS SETTLEMENT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO EXPRESS THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE GUIDED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE CALCULATION OF THE CLAIMS, AND IS MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL.

THE ABOVE SETTLEMENT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE THE POSITION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL MAY TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER CATEGORIES OF CLAIMS MENTIONED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 26.

THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THEEMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

JERUSALEM, 27 MAY 1968. UNQUOTE.

3. QUOTE. NO. 71. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ISRAEL AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE MINISTRY'S UNNUMBERED NOTE OF MAY 27, 1968, TOGETHER WITH A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,323,500.00 WHICH IS IN FULL SETTLEMENT OF THE THIRTY-FOUR USS LIBERTY DEATH CLAIMS PRESENTED IN EMBASSY NOTES NUMBERS TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH SIXTY OF DECEMBER 29, 1967.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TEL AVIV, MAY 27, 1968. UNQUOTE

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